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GRANBY

School Com. announces two Superintendent finalists

Site visits, Q and A
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be completed by
end of April

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Staff writer

GRANBY – By the end of the month, there will be new Granby Superintendent ready to take the helm.

Two finalists have been selected by the Superintendent Search Committee to move forward with the interview process, which will include a public interview with the Granby School Committee.

Finalists Stephen Sullivan and Dr. Elizabeth Bienia were announced in this week's School Committee meeting.

School Committee and Superintendent Search Committee member Jill Pelletier announced the finalists and updated the board



Dr. Elizabeth Bienia is one of two finalists for the Granby Superintendent position. She is the current principal at Glickman Elementary School.



One of the finalists for superintendent, Stephen Sullivan, currently works as the principal of Granby Jr/Sr High School.

on the process moving ahead.

"When the application closed on Monday, March 1 there were 18 total applications received. The search committee met in executive session on March 3 and reviewed the applications," Pelletier said. "(We) brought for-

ward 11 potential candidates to the committee and from there conducted seven semi-finalists interviews."

She announced that the committee selected Sullivan and

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COVID-19

BOH opts to move into Phase III, step two

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BELCHERTOWN – The Board of Health unanimously approved to move into Phase III, step two on Monday evening with a majority in favor.

The Board of Health discussed COVID-19 case numbers on the state and local level.

Quabbin district Health Director, Judy Metcalf, stated the number of cases in Belchertown have risen to and are expected them to spike once again.

"We have to wait and see if this is our third surge or if this is a spike," Metcalf said.

With information about rising COVID-19 cases in Belchertown in mind, the board discussed whether the town should continue moving forward with the state's COVID-19 reopening phase. The BOH discusses whether Belchertown should remain in Phase III step

one, which it opted to stay in throughout March or move forward into Phase III step two, or into Phase IV step one, which the state is currently in as of March 22.

"Phase IV step one in Belchertown would impact us in terms of gathering sizes," Metcalf said.

"The big change for Belchertown, specifically, going into Phase IV is gathering sizes. It's a pretty a big jump," said Stephen Bell, the interim health director. "That's the main change, that more people can get together. I think it would be things like the Town Common, which I tell people has a maximum of 25, but moving into Phase IV, there could be up to 250 people. It's an order of magnitude."

He said he believed it was a mistake for the state to move forward into Phase IV as early

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BELCHERTOWN

Sportshaven agreement approved by Selectboard

MELINA BOURDEAU
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – A big step has been made to get the Cold Spring Tenants' Association closer to becoming owners of the Sportshaven Mobile Home park was made at the Selectboard meeting on Monday.

The board unanimously approved the payment agreement proposed by the town treasurer/collector to move forward with the Cold Spring Tenants' Association, pending approval of other pieces, including getting the property transferred to tenants' association.

Sportshaven, at 370 Mill Valley Rd, was established as a campground in the 1970s and gradually became an unlicensed mobile home park. Poor maintenance, nonpayment of lot rental fees and bankruptcy followed in the 1990s. Its listed owner is Aquarius Water Co., of Hinsdale.

Belchertown Treasurer/Collector Lisa Banner explained the agreement to the board.

"Unfortunately, the owner on record there...has been absent from this whole matter. They walked away from this, and what they walked away from are all these safety and health issues along with all the taxes going back to fiscal year 2000," Banner said. "What has happened over the last few years, the town has been able to work with the state to get grants to help fix some of these infrastructure issues that are very costly. Part of the arrangement with these grants is that it has to be with the owner of the park as far as the tax agreement. And in order for the tenants' association to take over the park, they have to assume the deed."

The approved plan, once signed, will allow the group to

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Easter egg hunt gets families to see Rec. sites



Rosalynn Baecher, 2, Lousia Baecher, 4 months, Eamonn Baecher, 4, and their mom Emily Baecher participated in the Easter egg scavenger hunt last weekend throughout Belchertown.

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BELCHERTOWN – Beginning at the Recreation Department building, participating families could drive to different department managed properties in town to collect eggs as part of a scavenger egg hunt last weekend.

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COMMUNITY

Community Garden still accepting registrations through April 12

BELCHERTOWN – Individual, fully prepared, 300 square foot garden plots are available to all Belchertown and surrounding area residents at Lampson Brook Farm, located at 275 Jackson St.

Belchertown residents can obtain a plot for \$30 (non-residents \$35) for the season. Several plots will be made available to SNAP benefit recipients for only \$15 each.

This year, because of the continuing pandemic, the garden fee includes compost, the use of wheelbarrows, the loan of tools if needed, convenient access to water, and plentiful parking. Members of the

Community Garden also contribute several hours of their time during the season to maintaining the common areas. Prevailing COVID-19 restrictions will apply. The gardens will open mid-May.

The garden partners with the New England Small Farm Institute which leases the rich farmland of the former Belchertown State School. All gardeners, beginner or experienced, are welcome.

To receive a 2021 registration form or for questions email BCGardenNews@gmail.com. All applications must be received by April 12.

Holocaust survivor, activist to speak

VIRTUAL – Springfield College welcomes Holocaust survivor, author, and human rights activist Marione Ingram on Thursday, April 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the College and local community.

In this lecture, Marione Ingram will share excerpts from her memoirs *The Hands of War* and *The Hands of Peace*. She will discuss the failure to respond to fascism and racism in Europe in the 1930s and 40s, and the nonviolent responses to those evils in the U.S. in the 1960s. She will then try to relate her experiences to the challenges that students face today.

Ingram is a writer, artist and human rights activist who experienced the Holocaust, Europe's deadliest bombing, and the wrath of the Ku Klux Klan in

Mississippi. Throughout the turbulent 60s and 70s, and into the 21st century, Ingram continued to protest racism, war, sexism, Apartheid, and police violence. Ingram's Holocaust memoir, *The Hands of War*, became a New York Times bestseller in 2014 and was published in Germany in 2016, newly titled: *Kriegskind* (Child of War). Parts of the book also were published in Russia and the British literary journal, *Granta*, and in *Best American Essays* of 2007. A companion memoir published in 2015, *The Hands of Peace*, celebrates the countless acts of nonviolent defiance that culminated in the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965.

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Belchertown Community Television schedule

BELCHERTOWN – This is the upcoming schedule for Thursday, April 8 to Wednesday, April 14.

Thursday, April 8

- 8 a.m. – Selectboard – April 5
- 10 a.m. – Board of Health – April 5
- 12 p.m. – COVID Task Force – April 1
- 7 p.m. – Select Board – April 5
- 9 p.m. – Board of Health – April 5
- 11 p.m. – COVID Task Force – April 1

Friday, April 9

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman

Saturday, April 10

- 8 a.m. – Curious Giraffe

Sunday, April 11

- 4:30 p.m. – St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. – Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. – Hope United Methodist Church
- 8:30 p.m. – BVJ – How to Run for Office

Monday, April 12

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 6:30 p.m. – Selectboard – Channel 191
- 7 p.m. – Conservation Comm. – Channel 192

Tuesday, April 13

- 8 a.m. – Curious Giraffe
- 7 p.m. – Planning Board – Channel 191

Wednesday, April 14

- 8 a.m. – Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. – Conversation with Pakman

The BCTV Studio is located at 68 State St., Belchertown. BCTV channels are 191, 192 and 193. The BCTV schedule is available at www.Belchertown.org. On the main title page select "residents," click on Belchertown Community Television. Selected BCTV shows are also available on Vimeo. Go to www.Belchertown.org, go to quick links and click on "watch meetings and events online." The schedule is subject to change.

The BCTV weather information system is broadcast on TV channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station as well as, the current regional radar. This service operates 24 hours a day with audio provided by the National Weather Service from Albany New York, with forecasts, storm and emergency warnings for the Pioneer Valley.



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Election letters, candidate Q and A welcome

BELCHERTOWN/GRANBY— Election season is in full swing and the Sentinel seeks to inform voters about the candidates running this year.

Letters of support

The Sentinel welcomes readers to participate in this year's town election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 350 words from local residents endorsing specific candidates or discussing local campaign issues should be emailed to Sentinel@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon on Wednesday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last two weeks before the election. The last issue letters will run will be the May 6 issue of the paper.

Candidate Q and As

Candidates in the upcoming election are invited to send answers to the following questions to run as a candidate Q and A. These are due by Monday, April 26 by 12 p.m. The word limit is 600 for the Q and A, excluding the questions. Please include a two-sentence introduction.

The questions are:

• Why are you running for this position? If you are seeking reelection what qualifies you to continue in this role?

• What is the biggest challenge the board/committee is facing? How will you address it?

• Discuss your commitment to transparency and openness in Belchertown/Granby municipal government. Do you have suggestions for improving either?

• Do you feel the town is doing enough to foster racial/social equity? How would you do so, if elected?

• (For School Committee candidates only) What are the school's capital needs? What should the School Committee be doing in the next three years to address them?

• (For Selectboard candidates only) With budget season coming in South Hadley, how do you intend to tackle areas that may be struggling with potential deficits?

Candidates are encouraged to include a photograph with their statements. Both the text and photograph must be emailed to Sentinel@turley.com.

Priority of the Q and As will be given to candidates in contested races. In the interest of fairness to all candidates, press releases about fundraisers or campaign events will not be printed.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs, events and fundraising may contact Maureen McGarrett at mmcgarrett@turley.com about paid advertising in the Belchertown Sentinel.

Candidates for Belchertown annual town election announced

MELINA BOURDEAU

Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – The following candidates are running in the annual town election on May 17.

There are two contested races in this year's election.

There are three people running for two available seats on the Selectboard. There are no incumbents.

Ronald Aponte, George "Archie" Archible and Nicholas Pucel are running for the positions, which have a three year-term.

There are four people running for two available seats on the School Committee.

Incumbent Ruby Bansal, Amy Lamothe, Sean Lavalley and Jonathan Ritter are running for the two seats. The position has a three-year term.

The remaining positions are uncontested. Incumbent Judy O'Kulsy is running for reelection Housing Authority. The position has a five-year term.

Incumbent Colleen Duroshea is running for reelection for a position on the Board of Health. The position has a three-year term.

Incumbent Daniel Beaudette is running for reelection for a position on the Planning

Board. The position has a five-year term.

Running for the reelection on the Board Assessors is incumbent Donald Minney. The position has a three-year term.


Theresa Camerlin is running for Belchertown Town Clerk, which has a term of three years.

Last day to register to vote at the Annual Town Election is April 28, 2021.

You may register to vote at: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>. You may also use this website to check your voter registration status. If you prefer to register by mail, you may use the following form: <https://cms2.revize.com/revize/belchertown/departments/clerk/docs/2020%20Mail%20in%20Voter%20Registration%20Form.pdf> or call the Town Clerk's office and staff will mail one to you.

Absentee voters must have an excuse (listed below) to qualify for an absentee ballot:

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Straw Dog Writers Guild plans April events; all virtual and free

VIRTUAL – The Straw Dog Writers Guild will hold several online events in April. All events are free and open to the public. Following are the events and information on how to register.

• April 11, 2 to 4 p.m., Hilltowns open mic with featured reader Ann Averill

Ann Averill is the author of “Teacher Dropout, Finding Grace in an Unjust School.” It is based on experience teaching in an urban school. Excerpts appeared in Writers’ Digest best of short short stories collection. Her flash memoir was published in WriteAngles Journal and on her blog @anncaverill.com.

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Volunteers spring a surprise – Daffodils



For those looking for daffodils, they can be around various locations throughout town, including in front of the Clapp Memorial Library.

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Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN – The town may be looking a bit brighter thanks to the daffodils flowering around Town Hall, the Clapp Memorial Library and other locations.

It's a surprise and a gift to the hard-working people who keep the town going.

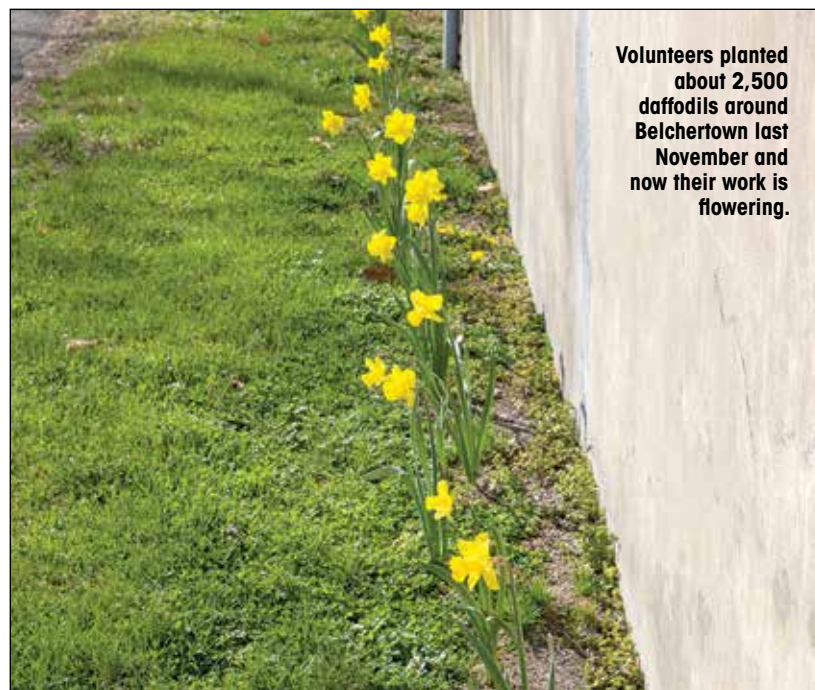
Volunteers organized the effort last November, according to volunteer Pat Barry.

Barry said one inspiration for the 2,500 bulbs planted in various places throughout town was a poem by William Wordsworth, “I walked lonely as a cloud.” The poem reads as follows:

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

The waves beside them danced; but they



Volunteers planted about 2,500 daffodils around Belchertown last November and now their work is flowering.

PHOTOS BY MELINA BOURDEAU

*Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:*

*For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;*

*And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

The flowers can be found around Town Hall, Clapp Memorial Library, the Stone House Museum, Christopher Heights, the police station, Senior Center, the high school, Swift River Elementary, Chestnut Hill Community School, Auxiliary, BCTV and the Belchertown Common.

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SB recognizes National Telecommunicator week, April 11-17

STAFF REPORT

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Selectboard recognized National Telecommunicators week, an annual week-long event highlighting dispatchers. Administrative Assistant to the Chief/Communications Director, David Squires wrote to the board requesting approval of the event, which runs from April 11 to April 17.

This week of recognition was initially founded by a sheriff’s department in California back in 1981 and Congress passed a formal proclamation for this tribute back in 1994. The second full week in April is given this designation.

Locally, it has been officially recognized for the past four years to raise public awareness of the hard work and dedication that Belchertown communications center dispatchers provide to the residents of the community.

“This past year as you all know has been extremely challenging for everyone,” Squires wrote. “The communications center staff in particular has been tasked with learning new pandemic protocols for emergency medical calls and adapting to the ever changing needs of handling calls for service. The communications center staff as first responders continue to report to work each day answering calls for service professionally and without any interruption.”

In the past BPD have hosted events open to the public but since the pandemic this has not been possible, Squires wrote.

Belchertown communications center staff include: Senior Dispatcher Michael Neiford, 12 years, along with full time dispatchers Mary Long, 20 years, Lauren Bock, three years, Eric Girard two years, and Joshua Orrell, one year. Part time staff are comprised Dispatchers Roy Landry, five years, and Mariya Primakov, one year.

Selectboard member Jim Barry said he wanted to point out the hard work of the dispatchers. “They have done amazing work throughout this whole COVID-19 issue,” he said. “This is not an easy job under the best circumstances, they’ve had far more calls than usual because of this issue. As we all know, because we would hear about it, there have been no complaints. I thank them all individually and as a group for all they’ve done.”

Police Logs

Belchertown

Editor’s note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of March 24 through March 30. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 288 calls police responded to, there were 10 incidents, four accidents, two arrest/summons and 12 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS

Friday, March 26

8:55 p.m. – A 21-year-old Belchertown woman was charged with two counts assault and battery on a person 60 or older and witness intimidation.

ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 24

1:47 p.m. – Officers spoke with a resident who said a credit card was fraudulently opened in their name and charges were made on it. The reporting party said a person called looking for last four digits of their social security number, which they provide. The reporting party was told to contact a credit bureau to see if it was actually opened. No credit card was opened with that entity.

4:41 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident South Main St. The operator of one vehicle reported the accident occurred when a light colored Cadillac slammed on their breaks in front of the reporting party. They reported they were unable to stop in time and hit rear of the Cadillac. This vehicle left the scene without stopping.

7:29 p.m. – A juvenile was reported missing. They returned home, a 51A was filed and the SRO was notified.

Friday, March 26

9:59 a.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Federal St. One vehicle attempted to pull out of a parking lot to make a left turn onto Federal when it was struck by another vehicle. The operator of the first vehicle reported they were waved on to pull out on Federal St and began to pull out when they were struck. There was a large dent to the left rear side of the second vehicle and minor front-end damage to the first vehicle.

11:04 a.m. – Officers took a report from victim of scam. They said they received a notice there was an issue with the virus protection on their computer. The person then allowed someone access to their computer and bank account. The scammer requested money from the party. They were notified to change their bank information and unplug the computer. The party wanted the incident to be noted on record.

Saturday, March 27

1:01 p.m. – Officers responded to an accident on Federal St and Pelham Rd. One vehicle was stopped at a stop sign and pulled out into the road to turn onto Federal St when a second, travelling west on Federal St. collided with the first. No injuries were reported. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

Sunday, March 28

4:43 p.m. – Officers responded to assist Belchertown fire and paramedics.

Monday, March 29

8:16 a.m. – An officer took a report that a vehicle struck a road sign saying “Road closed” on a wooden sawhorse. The operator of the vehicle said they didn’t see the sign, which was positioned in the middle of the road, due to the vehicle of them which was turning. The sawhorse was broken in half, and there was no obvious damage to the vehicle.

11:22 a.m. – While conducting traffic enforcement on Daniel Shays Highway, an officer observed a vehicle traveling speed at 55 in 40 mph zone. The officer stopped the driver who was identified. After running a check on their registration number, the officer discovered the vehicle was unregistered. The operator said they were in the process of transferring the registration to Rhode Island, but had yet to complete the process. The individual was advised they wouldn’t be able to operate the vehicle, which was towed from the scene.

2:02 p.m. – An individual reported their roommate took their debit card and made unauthorized transactions at various locations in western Massachusetts. The caller was told to make contact with their bank. The matter is still under investigation.

Tuesday, March 30

1:53 a.m. – Officers investigated an allegation of an individual exposing themselves.

Granby Police

Editor’s Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 132 calls for the week of March 26 through April 1. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.

Friday, March 26

2:20 p.m. – A criminal citation was issued for uninsured motor vehicle operation after a motor vehicle stop on State St and West St.

7:53 p.m. – A criminal citation was issued for uninsured motor vehicle operation after a motor vehicle stop on Amherst St.

Saturday, March 27

2:08 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on New Ludlow Rd and South St. No injuries were reported.

2:51 p.m. – Joseph Haynes, 36, of 297 Amherst Rd, Sunderland was arrested on a warrant.

Sunday, March 28

3:25 p.m. – Officers investigated a two car accident on Batchelor St. Minor injuries were reported.

6:49 p.m. – Officers investigated an accident involving tractor trailer hitting light traffic light pole on West State St and Pleasant St.

8:38 p.m. – James Sullivan, 62, of 123 Maximilian Dr, Granby, was arrested on a charge of operating under the influence of alcohol.

Wednesday, March 31

9:13 p.m. – Michael Lowe, 35, of 2 Second St, Springfield, was arrested on a charge of operation with a suspended driver’s license.

PART-TIME CONSERVATION SECRETARY

The Town of Belchertown is accepting applications for a part-time Conservation Secretary. This is a part-time, non-benefitted position. The purpose of this position is to perform administrative and clerical work of moderate difficulty and responsibility supporting the operations of the Conservation Commission.

A job description for this position and an employment application are available by calling the Select Board’s Office (413-323-0403) during regular business hours. The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021.

HIGHWAY DIVISION MECHANIC/TRUCK DRIVER

The Town of Belchertown is accepting applications for a full-time Mechanic/Truck Driver in the Department of Public Works’ Highway Division. Applicants must have mechanical training in both light and CDL class vehicles with three years’ experience in the maintenance and repair of related equipment. A valid Class B Commercial Driver’s License and a Hoisting Engineer License, or the ability to obtain within six months, are required; experience in highway construction including heavy equipment motor vehicle operation is required.

A job description for this position and an employment application are available by calling the Select Board’s Office (413-323-0403) during regular business hours. The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021.

MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Town of Belchertown is accepting applications for a full-time maintenance worker. The purpose of this position is to perform technical and manual work in the general maintenance and repair of public buildings and/or grounds; all other related work as required. The Maintenance Worker is responsible for maintaining and improving upon the efficiency and effectiveness of all areas under his/her direction and control.

A job description for this position and an employment application are available by calling the Select Board’s Office (413-323-0403) during regular business hours. The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021.



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■ OPINION

The best way to root stem cuttings

Neil, who reads the column in the Wilbraham Times, asked the Garden Lady to write about taking stem cuttings. He enjoyed my commentary on houseplants from a few weeks back and seemed interested in trying his hand at propagating some of his own plants by this method. Here you go, Neil! I wish you loads of success.

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success. First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the “stock plant,” is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting. A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season. Spring is a great time to take cuttings of plants that you’ve overwintered provided they are growing well. Just this past week I took cuttings of both scented geraniums and rosemary.

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material. Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem cuttings are taken just after a node. Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant. These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem. Sand, perlite, and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as “watery roots” will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn’t occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium. Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting. If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur, a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that “less is more” when using these products. When you are ready to “stick” the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first; do not push in with the stem! After the cutting is inserted, firm the medium around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location. The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so, roots will begin to form on the scented geraniums; rosemary may take six weeks or more.

Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows; likewise, using newly-rooted cuttings together in a mixed planter works well, too.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid



HISTORY MATTERS

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children’s books that emphasize the importance of American history.

Conservation Corps, Space age and animal cruelty

April 1 to April 15

JOHN GRIMALDI AND DAVID BRUCE SMITH

Intrinsically, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a conservationist, who once said, “the forests are the lungs of our land [which] purify our air and give fresh strength to our people.”

On April 5, 1933, a year after he was elected President, FDR formed the Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC]; he believed it would put thousands of citizens back to work during “the Great Depression” and ensure the health of America’s woodlands.

Those who enlisted in “Roosevelt’s Tree Army” got \$30 per month, approximately \$600 in 2021 currency, and access to vocational education to facilitate their re-entry into the job market. Enlistment was intended to be only six months, but many of the recruits stayed longer.

According to History.com, “CCC employees fought forest fires, planted trees, cleared and maintained access roads, re-seeded grazing lands and implemented soil-erosion controls. They built wildlife refuges, fish-rearing facilities, water storage basins and animal shelters. To encourage citizens to get out and enjoy America’s natural resources, FDR authorized the CCC to build bridges and campground facilities. From 1933 to 1942, the CCC employed over 3 million men.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Hitch” by Jeanette Ingold.

Space age

America’s space age began April 9, 1959, when seven test pilots with “The Right Stuff” were formally presented to the nation as its inaugural astronauts. The “Mercury Project”, as they were known, was composed of Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil “Gus” Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr.,

Alan Shepard Jr. and Donald Slayton.

Their goal was to launch a sequence of successfully manned missions to space.

Two years earlier, the Soviet Union had astonished the world, when it put the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, into orbit, but America, resolved to eclipse them, was stunned a second time, when their cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, piloted the planet’s first manned space flight in April 1961, less than a month before Mercury astronaut Alan Shepard, went up in his spacecraft, the Freedom 7.

By then, the hustle for celestial superiority was ramped up with a zing, but the U.S. continued to lag--until 1969, when NASA’s Apollo astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins took “one giant leap for mankind”—and landed on the moon.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends “Project Mercury: America in Space Series” by Eugen Reichl.

Preventing animal cruelty

Henry Bergh was a wealthy man who learned a great lesson when he was given a diplomatic post at the U.S. Embassy in Russia by President Abraham Lincoln. As one account put it, “While in St. Petersburg he is reputed to have seen a droshkie or Russian peasant beating his fallen cart horse. Bergh dismounted from his own carriage and intervened, saving the horse from a further beating that day. Upon his return to America in 1865, he stopped in England and met with the president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Once back in New York, Bergh quickly took action to affect the formation of a similar society in the United States.”

On April 10, 1866, he founded American

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Will my widow’s benefit replace my own benefits?

RUSSELL GLOOR
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: My husband is 76, retired for four years, and receiving Social Security. I am only 59 and still working. We are both in good health and I’d like to think we still have many years to enjoy retirement. My question: Is it true that if I start Social Security at 62, I can switch to my husband’s Social Security benefits when

he passes? If this is true (and his amount is slightly higher than my FRA amount), wouldn’t it make sense for me to begin collecting at 62? Signed: Younger Spouse

Dear Younger Spouse: Yes, it is true that if you start your reduced personal Social Security benefit at age 62, and your husband (collecting a benefit higher than your own) predeceases you, you can switch to his higher benefit amount. But

there are some other factors which come into play when dealing with survivor benefits, especially with an age difference:

- You must be at least 60 years old to claim your survivor benefit (or 50 if you are disabled).
- Your survivor benefit will be reduced if you haven’t yet reached your own full retirement age (FRA) when you claim it. The reduction is

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Stoneleigh-Burnham School Offers In-Person Day & Residential Summer Camps

GREENFIELD, MA. Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS), an independent day and boarding school in Greenfield, Massachusetts, is pleased to announce in-person day and residential summer camps for equestrians, performing artists, debaters and public speakers ages 7-18. SBS's signature summer programs are hosted by expert faculty on their beautiful 100-acre campus in Greenfield. The programs emphasize the development of confidence, the acquisition of skills, and the discovery of new talents.

SBS's Summer Camps begin June 20, 2021 and include Speak Up I, an introduction to debate & public speaking for girls ages 10-13; Speak Up II, an advanced program for girls ages 13-18 with experience in debate & public speaking; Performing Arts Camp, a coed program for students ages 10-18 with an interest in dancing, singing and acting; the premier Bonnie Castle Riding Camp, a riding program for girls ages 8-16 for all skill levels; and a new Horsemanship Day Camp for boys and girls ages 7-12.


Parents and guardians will be able to choose between three choices of camp structure: a day camp schedule from 8am-4pm that includes lunch, an extended day camp schedule from 8am-8pm that includes lunch and dinner, or the weekly residential camp option. There are discounts available for returning families, families who register more than one child, or those who sign up for multiple weeks. Financial assistance for day campers may also be available to those who qualify.

SBS Summer Program Director Heidi Gebo has been directing youth camps throughout Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley for 20 years. "It's important for us to be able to offer a diverse array of camp options for students and

give families multiple options to help accommodate their work schedules," said Heidi.

To learn more or to register, please visit sbschool.org/summer or email summerprograms@sbschool.org.


Stoneleigh-Burnham School has (SBS) been preparing girls grades 7-12 & PG for college and the world. SBS is an academic community with an international perspective that inspires girls to pursue meaningful lives based on honor, respect, and intellectual curiosity. Each student is challenged to discover her best self and graduate with the confidence to think independently and act ethically, secure in the knowledge that her voice will be heard.




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The summer camps give kids the opportunity to learn the same things they would learn by taking a lesson but get the chance to do it all week as well as participate in fun activities such as crafts, games, or just exploring the farm. If you or your child are like me and end up sticking around you will find that Greene Acres is more than just a farm and that the people there are more than just friends. I have learned so much by riding at Greene Acres from horse sense to common sense and life skills. But, the greatest takeaway is that the people at Greene Acres are more than just friends or a team to me, they are family. So, if you are thinking about trying horseback riding for you or your child or looking for a new barn, Greene Acres is the place to go.

Factors to consider
before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers’ lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families’ disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families’ decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they’re more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

Kids’ interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child’s interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom



and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children’s interests and maturity level.

Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

Session length

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they’re accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several weeks might be what they’re looking for.

Summer camps give kids a chance to make memories that will last a lifetime. Choosing the right camp is an important decision that parents and kids should make together.

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■ GRANBY

Town of Granby Clerk reminders

GRANBY – Are you a registered voter? If you are not a registered voter Tuesday, April 27, is the last day to register to vote to be eligible to participate in the Annual Town Election on May 17.

You may register on-line at the following sites www.granby-ma.gov or www.sec.state.ma.us and you can also make an appointment with the Town Clerk.

Please consider early voting by mail applications can be downloaded on our website last day to file for a mail in ballot is Tuesday, May 11.

Dog licenses: All residents who licensed their dogs through the Town Census should have received their dog tags. If you did not receive your dog tag call the clerk's office.

For residents who have not licensed their dogs: March and April are the months to license. The cost is \$6 for spayed/neutered, puppies and senior dogs over the age of 10 years, all others the cost is \$15, to avoid a \$25 late charge fee dogs should be licensed by May 1.

The town offices are still closed due to the coronavirus, however if you wish to license in person appointments can be made by calling the Clerk's office.

If you choose to mail or use the drop box please include a copy of the rabies vaccination or call the clerk's office for verification, include a self-addressed envelope with Two stamps, a check made payable to the Town of Granby, and mail to Town Clerk, 215 B West State St., Granby.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Kathy Kelly-Regan at the Granby Town Hall, 467-7178.



COURTESY PHOTO

Children and their families can come to the Granby Public Library to paint a stone to drop off at the Gratitude Garden.

Granby Library's week of the young child - April 10 to 17

GRANBY – Join the Granby Library and the Collaborative for Educational Services in celebrating gratitude this Week of the Young Child, April 10 to 17.

Create and return a gratitude stone.

Take home a kit to paint a stone for the library Gratitude Garden. Paint and brush included. Help cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Stop by for a lobby pick up a kit during open library hours. Return your gratitude stone by April 17, anytime, outside near the library entrance. A sign marks the spot.

Choose a gratitude pocket pebble to keep for ages five and up

Choose a small, smooth pebble! The gratitude pocket pebble is a physical reminder to remember your blessings. There are many ways to use them. Library staff will give you some ideas. Stop by for a lobby pick up pebble pack during open library hours. Library hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. If you cannot make it during those hours, call when the library is open and staff can set one outside for you, 413-467-3320.

Candidates for Granby town election announced

MELINA BOURDEAU
Staff writer

GRANBY – Town Clerk Katherine Kelly-Regan has announced the candidates running in the upcoming annual town election on Monday, May 17.

This year there are three contested races – the Selectboard, Board of Assessors, Housing Authority and the Planning Board.

There are two candidates for Selectboard, which is a three-year term. There are no incumbents for the position. Richard Beaulieu and Stephen Chojnacki are running for the seat.

There are two candidates for the Board of Assessors, which has a three-year term. There are no incumbents. James Healy and Dakota Richards are running for the open seat.

Running for a seat on the Housing Authority, which has a five-year term, are incumbent James Sowell and Donald Lindsay.

Running for Planning Board, which has a five-year term, are Nita Abbott and Dakota Richards.

The remaining races are

uncontested.

Running for reelection to the Board of Health, which has a three-year term, is Lee Lalonde. Lalonde is an incumbent.

Incumbent Lynn Snopek Mercier is running for reelection as the town moderator. The position has a three-year.

Running for Town Collector is Nicole Menard. The position has a three-year term.

Incumbent Steven Nally is running for reelection as Town Treasurer. The position has a three-year term.

There are two people running for two seats on the School Committee. The seats have a three-year term. Incumbent Jennifer Bartosz and Jill Pelletier are running for the positions.

Incumbent Gordon Landry is seeking reelection as the Commissioner of Burial Grounds. The position has a three-year term.

Three people are running for three available seats as Library Trustees, which has a three-year term. Incumbents Janice Cook and Theresa Laprade as well as Denise Conti.

There is one vacancy for as a Library Trustee for an unexpired term.

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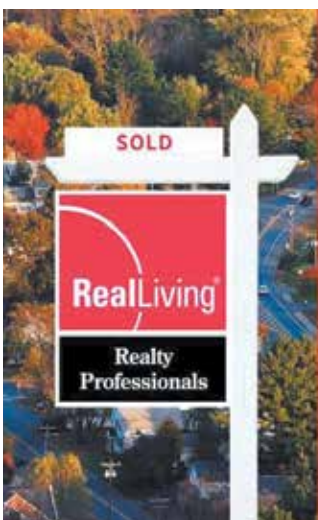


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Anthony Neverson is a Certified Personal Trainer and self-employed. He is the Rugby Coach for UMASS and also is a personal trainer at Hampshire Athletic Club at UMASS Amherst. The residents are enjoying every moment of this intense program with him, getting stronger and stronger every day.



Helping to feed Belchertown's elderly, the Nutrition department headed by Laurene and staff of Belchertown COA pick apples donated by Leone Family Orchard of Belchertown for Thanksgiving pies and fruit distribution to seniors.

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Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; it became a model for the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. His passion and his accounts of the cruelties suffered by animals enabled him to convince the New York State Legislature to give him a charter to organize the first ASPCA, and to enact the first anti-cruelty law in the United States. The ASPCA also got the power to investigate complaints of animal cruelty,


and to make arrests. History.com notes that "As the pioneer and innovator of the humane movement, the ASPCA quickly became the model for more than 25 other humane organizations in the United States and Canada." By the time Bergh died in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union [at that time] had passed anti-cruelty laws." The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "A Traitor to His Species: Henry Bergh and the Birth of the Animal Rights Movement," 1st Edition, by Ernest Freeberg,

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4.75% for each full year earlier than your FRA that you claim the survivor benefit. • You do not need to take your survivor benefit immediately upon your husband's death. Your survivor benefit as your husband's widow reaches maximum at your FRA, and you can choose to delay claiming your widow's benefit until you reach your FRA (to get the maximum amount). • If you claim any Social Security benefit before your FRA (your own or your survivor benefit), and you are working, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before SS takes back some of your benefits. Considering the above, if your eventual benefit as your husband's widow will be the highest benefit you will be

entitled to, then claiming your personal Social Security benefit at age 62 may be a prudent strategy. It allows you to collect your own benefit earlier (albeit reduced) until your higher survivor benefit kicks in to replace the smaller amount. However, your plans for working prior to your full retirement age are key to deciding if you should claim benefits earlier. If you exceed the earnings limit (\$18,960 for 2021), Social Security will take away some of your benefits, which could mean you go without benefits until they recover what you owe. Indeed, if your earnings are high enough, you may find that you would get no Social Security benefits because the amount you owe for exceeding the earnings limit would completely offset your Social Security benefit. So, as you can see, if you are working with a high income, the earnings limit might imply that waiting until

your FRA to claim any Social Security benefit is the smartest move. But if you don't work after you claim Social Security, then taking your own benefit early and later switching to your higher widow's benefit at or after your FRA would be a sound choice. This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial guidance. It presents the opinions and interpretations of the AMAC Foundation's staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association. NSSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit our website (amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory) or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT
FACILITY TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE FOR TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS
WASTE PURSUANT TO 310 CMR 30.861.**

FACILITY HAZARDOUS WASTE ID NUMBER: MAR000586966

Belchertown High School, a Very Small Quantity Generator of hazardous waste located at Belchertown High School, located 142 Springfield Rd, Belchertown, MA 01007 recently applied to the Department for a temporary emergency license for the on-site treatment of two (2) containers of peroxide forming regulated hazardous waste. Belchertown High School is not licensed to treat hazardous waste. Therefore, the Department is issuing a temporary license to Belchertown High School effective 04/06/2021, for a 30-day period that will enable Clean Harbors Environmental Services, a hazardous waste treatment specialist hired by Belchertown High School to perform a one-time on-site hazardous waste treatment action.

Clean Harbors Environmental specialists shall perform a chemical stabilization procedure in accordance with procedures set forth in the documentation enclosed with the license application. Once treated, the hazardous waste will be safely transported offsite and disposed at an authorized hazardous waste management facility.

Any person wishing to review the temporary emergency license and other pertinent data may do so by writing or calling:

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Belchertown boys basketball get involved



Henry Audette jets down the court.

Fall 2 season

TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

MONSON—Belchertown senior Jordan Lanoue and Monson junior Colby Duggan kept in shape last summer by playing pickup basketball games. The duo also faced each other twice during the first week of the new Fall 2 high school basketball season and led their respective teams to road victories.

Duggan scored a game-high 29 points in the season opener leading the Mustangs to a 62-49 win over the Orioles on March 16. Two nights later, Lanoue poured in a game-high 31 points, as the Orioles posted a 60-53 victory.

“I’m friends with Jordan and it’s a lot of fun competing against him on the court,” said Duggan following Monson’s home opener. “He’s a very strong player and is hard to stop.”

Lanoue has a lot of respect for Duggan, who scored a team-high 26 points in the second meeting of the season against Belchertown.

“Colby is one of the best high school basketball players in this area,” said Lanoue following last

Thursday’s game. “We struggled offensively at home the other night, but we came out strong in the first quarter of tonight’s game, which was the difference maker. It also feels good to finally beat Monson.”

It marked the first time that the Orioles defeated the Mustangs on the hardwood since a 68-51 home win on February 1, 2013.

“This is a very good win for us, but we’re just happy to be finally playing basketball,” said Belchertown head coach Matt Stenius. “We were a lot more focused in tonight’s game than we were in our first game.”

Lanoue, who scored 16 points in the season opening loss, is planning to continue his basketball career at Lasell University, which is a Division 3 school located in Newton, next year.

“I’m really looking forward to playing college basketball,” Lanoue said. “I’m also looking forward to learning some new things about basketball from the Lasell coaches and players.”

Even though Duggan is only a junior, this is his final season as a member of the Monson boys’ varsity basketball team. He’ll



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Nathan Sajdak takes a free throw

be attending Phillips Andover Academy in September and will be reclassifying to the class of 2023.

“Phillips Andover has a very

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Thompson Icebreaker 125 just the start of Big Outlaw Open season

WATERBURY, Vt. — Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park is just over a week away from the annual Icebreaker. The 82nd season opener on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11 is headlined by the Icebreaker 125 for the new Outlaw Open Modified Series, pitting the region’s Tour-type Modified stars in a \$10,000-to-win showdown.

Noted open-wheel racers such as Doug Coby, Craig Lutz, Bobby Santos III, Jon McKennedy, and Matt Swanson are officially committed to the Icebreaker 125. The Sunday shootout is just the beginning, though. Six Outlaw Open Series

events are planned for the 2021 season with big purses and even bigger action.

It culminates with the return of the Thompson 300. The \$20,000-to-win event is part of the World Series of Speedway Racing on October 8-10. It’s been 16 years since the late Ted Christopher won the last Thomson 300 in 2005. Not only is the Icebreaker 125 important in its own right, but it also starts preparations for an event that is hallowed in Modified lore.

“The Icebreaker is always the big opener in New England to get back going and get started racing again, so I’m definitely looking forward to that,” two-time

Modified Racing Series champion Chris Pasteryak said. “As for the season in general, the way I look at it is that the Thompson 300 is the biggest Modified race of the year. So the more laps we get at Thompson over the course of the year leading up to the 300, hopefully the better we can run in it.”

In-between the Icebreaker 125 and the Thompson 300 are four \$5,000-to-win Wednesday night shows on June 16, July 7, August 11, and September 15. The Wednesday dates make it easy for teams to tackle the Thompson

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The Big Outlaw Open starts this weekend with the Thompson Icebreaker 125.

State tournament added for spring sports

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REGION – This fall, a statewide tournament will take the place of the Western Massachusetts tournaments schools in the region have been used to for many years.

This school year was supposed to be the final year of the sectional tournaments held that are sponsored by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. However, two of those tournaments, the fall and winter, were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also cancelled what existed for a state tournament, which consisted of sectional champion versus sectional champion. The four sectional champions would meet in semifinals and then finals.

While the MIAA was looking to hold a spring tournament, it was only going to occur at the sectional level. Now, the Board of Directors have approved the two-game state tournaments for the spring season, which will begin on Monday, April 26. There will be a short preseason and games will begin in early May.

The spring season is set to include baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, outdoor track, and boys volleyball. It is also supposed to include wrestling, a winter sport that was deemed to high to happen during the winter while there was a

second major spike in COVID-19 cases.

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee met on Thursday, March 25 to discuss the spring tournaments.

The key to tournaments will take place on June 2. That is the deadline for teams to opt in or out of the tournament. Schools will have the ability to decide, for the safety of their students, whether or not they will participate in a spring tournament. The opt-in or out is for schools that may be in high-risk areas and do not want to risk facing teams they may not normally see.

Since the pandemic, schools in Western and Central Massachusetts have been placed in geographically-centered pods to limit travel and exposure.

The spring tournament is set to start on June 16 and 17 with a June 15 cut-off date for regular season games. A short spring season is not unusual to teams as the first two weeks of spring often are filled with weather issues, and rain can sometimes cancel many baseball and softball games.

There will be no neutral sites for the tournament, and the higher seed will be the home team through the tournament. However, it is not known if neutral sites will be used in the two-game state tournament.

All NE-10 colleges to make playoffs

COLCHESTER, Vt. - The Northeast-10 Conference unveiled its postseason plan for the spring semester on Thursday, announcing all baseball, men's and women's lacrosse, softball and men's and women's tennis programs will automatically qualify for league tournaments while also revealing the date and location of the men's golf championship. Saint Michael's College sponsors all seven of these sports, with each program having begun competition already this spring.

Similar to the adjustments made to spring schedules as part of the conference's return-to-play plan, the NE10 has altered postseason competition formats in an effort to reduce travel and allow for regular COVID-19 surveillance testing. The allowance of full-field postseason formats factors in the reality of teams not being able to complete their full regular-season schedules due to COVID-19 protocol and therefore allows each team the opportunity

to compete for a league championship.

Key changes to the normal postseason format includes a one-day, 36-hole men's golf championship on April 20 at Springfield Country Club in West Springfield, Mass. For baseball, women's lacrosse and softball, whose regular seasons are being played within divisions, the postseason format retains a divisional format until the final championship event or series. Both divisions have their own seven-team bracket to determine which two schools will play for that NE10 championship, as the top seed from each draws a first-round bye while the second through fourth seeds host opening-round contests. The women's lacrosse tournament begins on April 30, softball on May 4 and baseball on May 11. Divisional finals for baseball and softball are best-of-three series before the Northeast and Southwest division winners meet in another best-of-three set.

The seven-team men's tennis championship begins on April 24, when the No. 1 seed receives a bye while the second- through fourth-seeded squads host opening-round matches. Women's tennis and men's lacrosse, which start on April 25 and 28, respectively, will feature 11-team brackets, with the top five squads in each receiving first-round byes. The sixth, seventh and eighth seeds host opening-round contests.

All brackets or schedules are subject to change based on the established institutional and conference health protocol. The health and safety of student-athletes, coaches and campus communities remains the primary focus for the league. Conference winning percentage will determine championship seeding for team sports, with higher seeds serving as the host institutions throughout the tournaments. All game and match times are to be determined.

Valley Wheel Baseball seeks players

REGION - The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is looking for new players for the 2021 season, which is set to begin at the end of April. Players who are 28-years-old prior to June 1 are eligible to play in the league this season, however, only those 30 by June 1 are eligible to pitch. The league includes six teams and there is a 15-game season that begins on Sunday, April 25. Games are 12 Sundays, a special Mother's Day weekend Saturday game, and two weekday night games under the lights. The season ends the final week of July with the

playoffs for the top four teams during the first two weeks of August. Tryouts are set for the first three weekends in April. Tryouts will be Saturday, April 3, Sunday, April 11, and Sunday, April 18, all weather-permitting. A draft for new players will be held after the final tryout. All players bat and every player spends at least four innings in the field. The league will be playing with some minor modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please contact League Commissioner Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net.

Spots still available for 2021 Relics

LUDLOW - The Western Mass Relics Senior Softball League has four spots open in their Gold Division (age 65 and over). The draft of players takes place April 10 so anyone interested needs to get their registration and \$40 fee in prior to that. The season starts April 26 and

games are played Monday thru Friday at 4 p.m. in Ludlow at the Fish and Game Club. For further information go to their website or contact Steve Lepow at 860-885-4556 or s_lepow@yahoo.com. For further information or to register go to <http://www.westernmassrelics.org>.

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good basketball team," Duggan said. "I'm really looking forward to going to school there next year."

The Mustangs only had seven players available for the home opener. Three of their players, including two starters, were at home in quarantine due to contact tracing.

"I'm proud of the seven players who played in tonight's game because they fought hard," said Monson interim head coach Dennis Vacon. "Colby has been our leading scorer in the first two games of the season."

Vacon, who played basketball at Monson High School ten years ago, took over the coaching reins from Joe Trivisonno, who has coached the Monson varsity team for the past six years. Trivisonno decided to take this season off from coaching due to personal reasons.

"Dennis was the obvious choice when I decided to take the year off," said Trivisonno, who was at the home opener. "He is an excellent young coach with a very bright future. I am looking forward to watching him begin to put his imprint on the program during the upcoming season."

Monson junior Noah Martinson (2 points) made his first varsity start in the home opener, while freshman Colin Beaupre, who also scored two points, made his first start of the season.

The Orioles, who only scored two points during the first eight minutes of the season opener, built a 12-2 lead with 3:40 left in the opening quarter of last Thursday's contest. Lanoue scored ten of

those points on lay-ups and jumpers. Junior Joe Bianco had the only other field goal for Belchertown during that stretch, which were his only points of the game.

A little more than a minute later, Duggan, who kept the Mustangs within striking distances in the first half by scoring 19 points, buried a 3-pointer from the top of the key closing the gap to 13-9.

"Colby is our go-to player and our opponents will be keying on him," Vacon said. "We'll need the other guys to step up offensively."

Belchertown answered right back with a Lanoue foul-line jumper and a 3-pointer from the left side.

Monson, who were trailing, 18-11, at the end of the first quarter, sliced the deficit to four points (18-14) again a minute into the second stanza.

Belchertown kept the lead until Monson senior Michael Lagacy (3 points) buried a 3-pointer from the left side giving his team a 24-23 advantage with 3:15 remaining in the first half.

The Orioles quickly retook the lead following back-to-back 3-pointers by sophomore's Tyler McDonald (15 points) and Henry Audette (8 points).

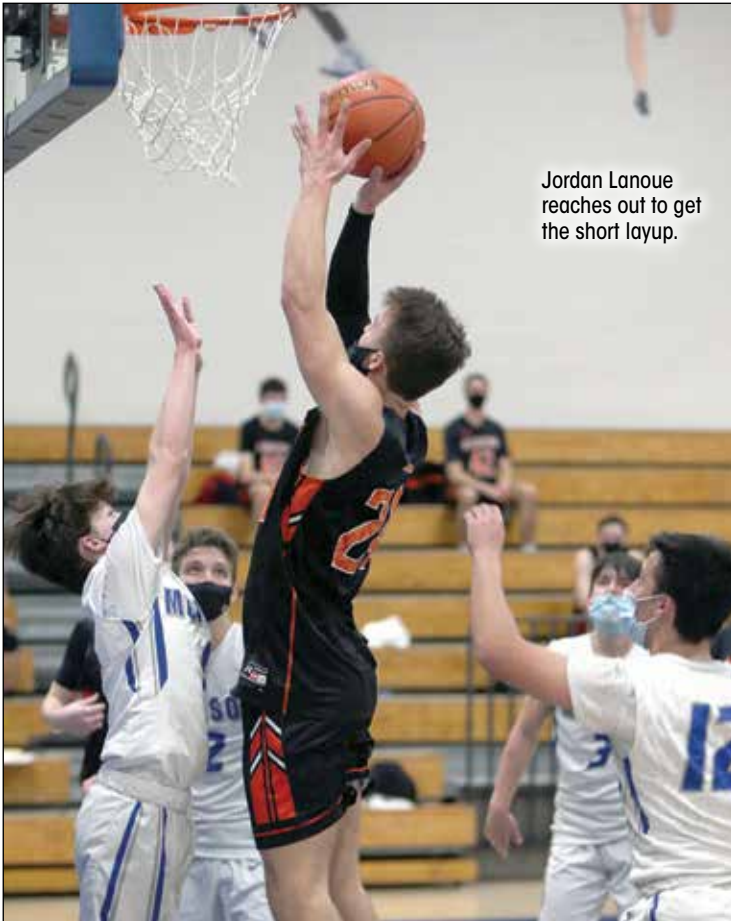
McDonald, who's a first-year member of the varsity team, made a total of five 3-pointers in the game. He also made a pair of treys in the season opener.

"Tyler's five 3-pointers in tonight's game were huge for us," Stenius said. "He's a phenomenal shooter."

The Mustangs, who trailed 31-28 at halftime, tied the score for the first time when senior Connor Santos buried a 3-pointer



Jordan Lanoue shoots at the free throw line.



Jordan Lanoue reaches out to get the short layup.

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from the left corner five seconds into the second half.

Following a 3-pointer by Belchertown junior Nate Sajdak (3 points), an inside hoop by Santos and a lay-up by senior Dan Fiester (13 points) gave the home team a 35-34 lead with 6:10 left in the quarter.

The Orioles outscored the Mustangs 11-5 the rest of the third

quarter and entered the final eight minutes holding a 45-40 lead. Lanoue scored six of those points and McDonald added a 3-pointer.

With 2:55 remaining in regulation, McDonald knocked home his final 3-pointer of the game from the left corner giving the Orioles their largest lead of the ballgame at 57-43.

The Mustangs did battle back with an 11-5. They got as close

as five points (58-53) following a Fiester bucket. He scored 11 of his points after halftime.

Lanoue sealed the deal by making a pair of free throws, which ended the Orioles eight year losing streak against the Mustangs.

The third meeting of the season between the two teams is scheduled to take place at Belchertown High School on April 20.

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high banks without weekly or touring series conflicts.

In the meantime, all eyes are on the Icebreaker showdown. The event is 125 green-flag laps with teams allowed to use eight tires. Racers have to be fast and use the right strategy to stand in Victory Lane.

"I love it," Oakdale, CT's Zachem said of the 125-lap distance. "It's a pit-stop race, so more or less, you are racing to halfway to figure out your pit stop situation. I'm looking forward to it. We've always run well over at Thompson."

It's definitely going to make a difference," Moosup, CT's Pasteryak added. "When you're counting caution laps and you get

to 50 or 60 laps to go, you normally only count on getting about 35 of them under green. Whereas now when you get to 50 or 60 to go, there's still potentially a pretty long race left. And then you know that, if you have some tires left in the pit stall, or you want to try a strategy where you hold off and pit a little bit later, you know you're going to have that many laps to actually try and race your way back to the front and not just ride around behind the pace car to finish the day."

A total of 29 drivers have pre-entered the event, including Keith Rocco, Mike Christopher Jr., Eric Goodale, Andrew Krause, Patrick Emerling, and Jeff Gallup. The current entry list alone accounts for dozens of championships and hundreds of race wins. Several other teams have indicat-

ed they'll be there, setting up a stacked field with many potential winners.

The Outlaw Open Modified Series is the brainchild of PASS's Tom Mayberry and ACT's Cris Michaud, who are co-promoting the Thompson Speedway oval track events this season. The duo put on two events at Thompson in 2020 and have banded together to carry on the track's storied tradition.

Thompson Speedway opened in 1940 and was long known as the "Indianapolis of the East", attracting every notable name in motorsports. Even today, the track is revered among the racing community. Drivers such as Ryan Preece, Harrison Burton, Bobby Santos III, and Derek Griffith have used Thompson victories as a springboard to national opportunities.

"What Cris Michaud and Tom Mayberry have done for Thompson is huge," Zachem said. "Taking the chance last year to run the track, with everything going on with COVID...I started at the Little T Speedway in 2000 and everyone's dream is to run the big track one day and I made it there. It's really cool to see the track still going."

Thompson Speedway opens its 82nd season with the annual Icebreaker on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11. Ten local and regional series go green at the two-day racing festival. Sunday's card features the \$10,000-to-win Icebreaker 125 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series. There's also a 40-lap ACT-type Late Model shootout plus the Limited Sportsman and SK Light Modifieds. Post time is 1:15pm.

Saturday's six-division card is highlighted by the Thompson 75 for the PASS North Super Late Models beginning at 1:00pm. They're joined by the Sunoco Modifieds, NEMA LITES Midgets, EXIT Realty Pro Truck Challenge, Mini Stocks, and an 8-Cylinder Street Stock Open. An optional Test N' Tune practice day is slated for Friday, April 9 for all Icebreaker divisions.

Adult general admission is \$30 for Saturday and \$35 for Sunday. Kids ages 12 and under are \$10 each day. Advance tickets are available at <https://happsnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motorsports-Park-YHPQ>. Grandstand attendance is limited to 50% of capacity per Connecticut COVID-19 guidelines. Pit passes will be sold at the track.

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as it did.

Phase IV increases events indoors to 100 people and 150 outdoors. Private residents and backyard remain at 25 people outside and 10 people inside, Metcalf said.

Board of Health member Hope Guardenier said given the town doesn’t have events or concert spaces, the biggest change going to Phase IV would be the restaurants.

There have been 28 news cases from Sunday, March 28 to Saturday, April 3, according to the Quabbin Health District data. There have been 824 total cases of COVID-19 in Belchertown. There were zero new deaths reported in this reporting period, leaving the total of people who have died due to the novel coronavirus at 16.

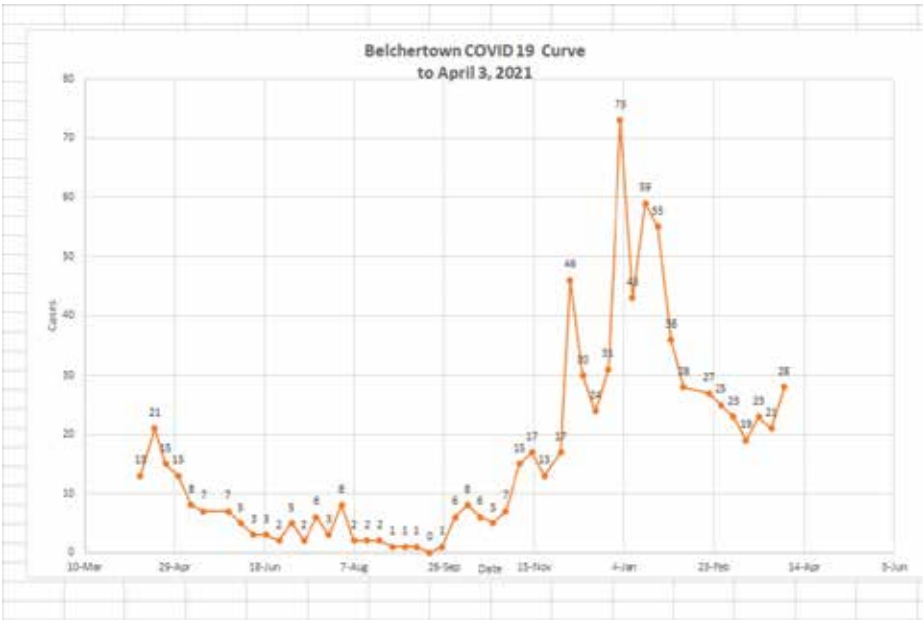
There were 1,154 tests performed on Belchertown residents during this weekly reporting period, bringing the total tests to 32,880 as of March 30.

State metrics leave Belchertown in the yellow, but both the case positivity rate and the rate per 100,000 are higher than the previous reporting period.

From March 14 to March 27, the case positivity rate is 1.97%, it was 1.37% last week. The current rate per 100,000 is 18.2, last week it was 12.5.

Metcalf said last Thursday, a number of surrounding towns went into the red state designation.

“We jumped up to 28 cases and I expect that to higher next week as well,” Metcalf said. “I think on Thursday when our num-



bers come out we will still be yellow because we are still heavily influenced by the higher education screening programs that happen at the five colleges.”

The increase in cases may be in part due to Massachusetts’ leading number of identified cases of a new Brazilian strain of COVID-19, according to Metcalf.

“The Brazilian variant is of most concerning. It is what’s causing the outbreak on Cape Cod,” Metcalf said. “It’s a race between getting people vaccinated and getting a control on these variants which allow for some level of reinfection and depending on which variant it is effects vaccination efficiencies.”

Metcalf said she has heard from some expects that this is the “third surge” while others are “thinking this just might be a spike and the progress on the vaccinations will stop it from being a multi-week or month surge.”

She added that hospitalizations are currently up as well.

At the next BOH meeting on May 3, the board will discuss the Annual Town Meeting.

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pay off an agreed percentage of the taxes as well as a CPC surcharge.

“There are unpaid taxes from 2000 fiscal year through 2018 that amount of tax is \$111,440. There is some unpaid CPA surcharge of \$778. There is quite a bit of interest and penalties as prescribed by state law - that is about \$227,000,” Banner said. “What we looked at what will it take for this plan to come together and it’s a reasonable plan that tenants’ association can handle and the town can absorb without having an adverse effect on our tax levy. We decided that we could abate up to 75% of tax. You can abate all the interest or a percentage. That would take off about \$83,000, giving the tenants giving them \$28,000 of liability to the town.”

The tenants’ association has agreed to pay \$10,000 upfront and about \$300 per month, which would resolve the issue in summer of 2026, according to Banner.

She added that the group has been paying the taxes on the property since 2018,

which Banner said, “speaks to their character.”

Belchertown Town Administrator Gary Brougham said one of the important factors is that the tenants’ association does not and has not ever owned the property.

“The tax liability goes to Aquarius Water, which is an LLC, with zero assets. The president of Aquarius Water passed away a few years ago and that’s been one of the obstacles in trying to move this forward,” he said. The town has been working with the owner’s family to resolve the issue through the court. “There are many moving parts. One of the absolute necessities prior to the court being agreeable to transferring the tenants’ association was to solve this ongoing tax issues.”

He said the hope is to move forward with the transfer of ownership to the tenants’ association.

“This park is currently operating without a license; mobile home parks are licensed through the Board of Health and because of the history and significance of all of the infrastructure challenges that are there the Board of Health refused to reissue the license there. It has making it extremely difficult for anyone identified as the owner to force collection of rent or evict anyone who doesn’t.”

Once the tax arears, the property transferred to the tenants’ association, make progress toward redeveloping the water supply at the property, the Board of Health will take up the matter of reissuing a license for the property, Brougham said. He said he has been working on the matter for about 25 years.

“By us solidifying this agreement, I won’t sign it until the tenant association is the owner...it’s a big gateway to getting this to the next step,” Banner said. “Unfortunately, housing court has been behind schedule, they’re anxious to get this off their plate.”

Selectboard Chair Gail Gramarossa said, “This is the best scenario and best opportunity the group has seen in terms of grant funding, tenants’ association willing active, other state money and ways to make these improvements.”

Fire Marshal announces no child deaths in fires for two years

STOW – There have been no deaths of children in fires over the last two years, and state officials are crediting education programs as one of the prime reasons for that statistic.

“On January 8, 2021, I announced that for the first time on record, there had been zero child fire deaths in a calendar year,” State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said. “Today (March 18) marks a new milestone. It has been two whole years since a child has died in a fire in Massachusetts.” The last fire that claimed a child’s life occurred on March 16, 2019, in Pittsfield.

“I attribute this record-breaking milestone to the 26 years of the Student Awareness of Fire Education Program (S.A.F.E.). Firefighters and classroom teachers have raised a fire safe generation of children by teaching key fire safety lessons in an age-appropriate manner that fits with the state’s curriculum frameworks,” said Ostroskey.

“The collaboration between firefighter-educators and classroom teachers has made fire safety accessible to our youngsters who brought these messages home to their families. Thank you,” Fire Chief Michael Newbury, president of the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts said.

So far this year, there have been 12 fire deaths and 75% of the victims were people over 65. “Regardless of your age, make sure you have working smoke alarms that are less than 10-years-old on every level of your home and practice your home escape plan,” said Ostroskey. “You may only have one to three minutes to escape a typical house fire before being overcome by toxic gases and extreme heat.”

Building on the success of the Student Awareness of the Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program, the state created the Senior SAFE Program to reduce fire deaths among what is now the most vulnerable population – seniors. People over 65 account for nearly half of all fire deaths in the commonwealth.

Both the S.A.F.E. and Senior SAFE Programs provide grants to local fire departments to collaborate with local schools and senior service agencies to provide fire safety education.

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Bienia to move forward as finalists as well as provided a description on their backgrounds.

“Things to highlight are Bienia is the current principal of at Glickman Elementary School in Springfield. She was previously the assistant principal at Gateway High School,” Pelletier said. “She started her career as an early childhood educator and teacher. She is also an adjunct professor and has published on a variety of critical educational topics.”

Currently Sullivan is the principal of Granby Jr/Sr High School.

“He’s held that position since 2017 and was previously an assistant principal and principal of Holyoke High School,” Pelletier said. “He started his career in education as an English Language Arts teacher.”

The group will have site visits to the finalists’ respective schools, a tour of the Granby schools, a community question and answer event and an interview before the School Committee.

School Committee Chair Jenn Bartosz said there will need to be two School Committee members to do site visits to the candidates’ districts.

“Then the candidates should be able to provide with those names (of who the members will meet on the site visit to the candidates’ schools),” said Bartosz.

When the group was working to decide who would go to which meeting, Pelletier said it would be important that members area able to share information with the committee.

“Ideally, no matter who does what and participates in what way, the result is that you’re taking notes and taking information and when it comes to sharing out about each candidate during the deliberation process that’s where you would pool all the information together. (You’d say, ‘On the site visits, this is the information I thought was relevant,’” said Pelletier.

School Committee and Search Committee member Audrey Siudak explained some of the potential people the candidates would have School Committee members speak with on a site visit.

“Usually it’ll be School Committee, if available, central office, secretaries, custodial, building staff, and, if possible, parents, students or any municipal officials,” she said. “You’ll have your teacher cluster, your admin cluster... It will be a half a day.”

In order to accommodate the candidates’ schedules, the group provided several dates to have potential site visits.

On July 30, 2020, the previous Superintendent Sheryl Stanton stepped down from the position after four years. Carol Hepworth, formerly the district’s Pupil Services Director, postponed her retirement and accepted the position of Interim Superintendent.

With Hepworth set to retire at the conclusion of the current school year, the district began the process of selected a long-term replacement last fall.

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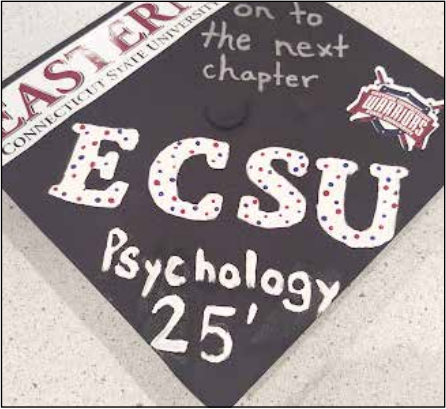
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EDUCATION

Belchertown seniors featured in Q and A



Hannah Bernashe plans on going to Eastern Connecticut State University after high school.



Hannah Bernashe

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown High School Principal Christine Vigneux has begun featuring a member of the Class of 2021 in a question and answer survey about their tenure in the school.

Each of the seniors featured decorated a cap sharing their future plans and they have also answered questions about their experiences at “the Nest,” the school community of Belchertown Public Schools.

These seniors will be featured in the Sentinel as well.

Hannah Bernashe

What are your future plans?
My future plans are to attend Eastern Connecticut State University in the fall and get my bachelor’s degree in psychology. My goal is to become a Child Life Specialist and work in a hospital helping families.

What is your favorite memory from the Nest?

My favorite memory from the Nest is the Spirit Assembly we had last year. Our class finally came together as one and we all had so much spirit and fun.

What advice do you have for our younger Orioles?

My advice for younger Orioles is to really cherish the time you have here at Belchertown High. I didn’t believe it when they told me, but time truly goes by so fast. Enjoy every moment you have during your time as an Oriole.

What is your proudest moment as an Oriole?

My proudest moment as an Oriole is doing my senior year during a pandemic and still keeping a smile on my face throughout it.

Jabish Brook Middle School quarter two Honor Roll

BELCHERTOWN – The following students received high honor roll or honor roll in the first quarter of the year at Jabish Brook Middle School.

Grade 8 High Honors:

Alexia Albu, Zander Auffrey, Alexandra Barabolkin, Meera Berryhill, Liam Chien, Kaia Couture, Julianne Cozine, Jillian DeBarge, Juliana Dragon, Trenton Harper, Lucia Hellyar, Daniel Hulmes, Alexander Leahy, Benjamin Les, Sienna Ljungberg, Andrew Martin, Joshua Misiaszek, Allison Morris, Gianna Picardi, Nicholas Rettura, Margaret Ryczek, Varvara Sas, Liam Spraggon, Adison St. Germaine, Addison Sullivan, Reagan Sullivan and George Wheeler.

Grade 8 Honors:

Kamilah Acosta-Morales, Matthew Allen, Jackson Benedetti, Jack Bergeron, Luke Bergeron, Gavin Boisjolie, Madyson Burns, Samantha Causeway, Senem Cayan, Fallon Clancy, Katie Collins, Adam Cooper, Mia Corish, Alyssa Courchesne, Melina David, Ryan Davis, Lilah Dean, Kathrine Dorman, Veronica Dymkowski, Raelyn Ermold, Cooper Ferguson, Evan Ferguson, Kaley Fletcher, Brian Fuller, Katie Gay, Caleb Gloster, Aubrey Harrington, Jared Haynes, Liam Howard, Jada Kelley, Noah Les, Jack Mandeville, Kate Mark, Isabella Martins, Ian McDonald, Rocco Meausky, Chloe Moss, Colin Mullen, Zachary Mullen, Ethan Murphy, Olivia Neiford, Shanelle Nganga, Kanyinsola

Okuwobi, Riley Olden, Katelyn Piercey, Brianna Ribeiro, Alexis Romaniak, Vivian Ross, Maya Tellier, Brycen Vann, Jordan Wetherell, Landen Whalen, Howard Wichert, Pierre Willems and Valerie Williams.

Grade 7 High Honors:

Edith Audette, Jaden Bean, Mackenzie Burch, Canyon Charron, Sofia Cofone, Mya Couse, Hannah D’Amours, Logan Duke, Lila Goodrich, Ryan Gould, Jillian Harper, Brooklyn Keeler, Clara Lambert, Alex Longridge, Matthew Mahaney, Nathan Marino, Molly Mazzaferro, Miles McNamara, Mya Philpott, Destiny Ranzie, Camryn Scoon, Hanna Smolinski and Vincent Ting.

Grade 7 Honors:

Abigail Almeida, Rachel Baltazar, Lucas Bermudez, Cayden Caporale, Lily Carr, Chase Connor, Josalyn Carrier, Chloe DaCosta, Morgan Dulude, Jake Gormely, Izabella Haggerty, Cooper Hampson, Avigail Heroux, Laila Hurlburt, Camryn Kaczowka, Alexa Karabetsos, Anastasia Kofides, Nikki Kofides, Sadie-Louise Krause, Ethan Lamore, Jannah Leclerc, Layla Liminski, Morgan Marshall, Isabel Moreau, Thomas Normandeau, Brandon O’Connor, Adam O’Rourke, Evan Perkins, Noel Plumadore, Austin Raymer, Brennan Real, Joshua Reynolds, Gia Ronkese, Dayne Shanley, Kiera Struzziero, and Partick Wallace.

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What to do in the immediate aftermath of a car accident

Car accidents happen every day. Though the World Health Organization reports that approximately 1.35 million people die each year as a result of road traffic crashes, many more people walk away from such accidents relatively unscathed. In such instances, knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of an accident can help drivers and passengers stay safe and start on their road to physical and financial recovery.

No two car accidents are the same, but the Insurance Information Institute recommends anyone involved in a car accident take the following steps to make the most informed decisions in what is often a difficult situation.

- **Assess your physical condition.** The III recommends people involved in accidents check themselves for injuries in the immediate aftermath of an accident. Call 911 if you are hurt. If you're seriously injured, try to remain still and only move with the assistance of emergency response personnel.

- **Assess passengers' physical condition.** Drivers who are not too hurt to move can check on their passengers after assessing their own condition. Before moving a passenger who is injured, speak with an emergency response professional. This person can assess the situation and determine if it's safe to move an injured passenger or if it's best to wait for first responders to arrive on the scene.

- **Get to a safe place.** If possible, move to the side of the road or a sidewalk. If it's safe to move a vehicle and the vehicle is in a hazardous position, such as in the middle of the road, pull it to the side of the road. If the vehicle won't start or you suspect it could be dangerous to move it, leave the car where it is and get yourself and any passengers who can move to the side of the road or a sidewalk.

- **Call 911.** If you have not already done so, call 911 once you have gotten to a safe place. The III notes that no accident is too minor to involve the police, and

some local laws even mandate that all traffic accidents be immediately reported. Be sure to fill out an accident report, which can be vital for drivers who intend to file claims with their insurance providers.

- **Turn the vehicle off.** If the vehicle is still running, turn it off. Turn on the vehicle's hazard lights and, if you can physically do so and it's safe to do so, place road flares around the car to warn fellow motorists.

- **Exchange information.** Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver once everyone has determined that they are not injured. The III recommends exchanging full names and contact information. Specific information like insurance companies and policy numbers, driver's license numbers and license plate numbers, the exact location of the accident, and the type, color and model of the other driver's vehicle also should be exchanged and noted.

- **Avoid discussing fault with**

the other driver. Drivers will not determine who's at fault. Such decisions are made by insurance adjusters. Discussing fault with the other driver in the immediate aftermath of an accident can lead to difficult, potentially heated exchanges.

- **Document the accident.** The III recommends motorists involved in accidents identify the responding police officers and ask them how to obtain copies of the official accident report. Take pictures and speak with any witnesses, jotting down their names and contact information if possible.

- **Notify your insurance provider.** Notify your insurance provider as soon as possible. You can even do so from the scene of the accident if you're capable of doing so. This can jump-start the claims process.

Knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of a car accident can calm drivers' nerves and get them on the road to recovery that much sooner.



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The top distractions behind the wheel

Did you know that a vehicle driven at 55 miles per hour or faster can traverse the length of an entire football field in a matter of seconds?

Driving requires not only knowledge of the rules of the road and skill behind the wheel, but also concentration on the task at hand. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicates distracted driving has been a significant factor in fatal car crashes. NHTSA says as many as one in 10 deaths are now attributed to driver distraction.

Distractions can come in many forms but fall into one of three categories: manual, visual and

cognitive. Any distraction has the potential for serious consequences, including deadly accidents. Here's a look at some of the common distractions and how to avoid them.

- **Mobile phone use:** Texting while driving is one of the most dangerous forms of distracted driving. Texting combines cognitive, manual and visual distractions. Turn off phones while behind the wheel to help reduce the temptation to grab the phone.

- **Daydreaming:** Being lost in one's thoughts can be a big distraction. Driving with something heavy on one's mind can cause a person to lose track of the road.

This may occur when experiencing intense emotions, particularly anger or stress. Taking breaks and pulling over if you notice your mind wandering can help.

- **Pets and children:** Young children or unsecured pets can be very distracting in the car. As a child calls out, begins to cry or wants his or her needs met, drivers may turn to address those needs and take their eyes off the road. Pets that are moving around the vehicle also may distract a driver. All pets and children should be secure in the vehicle at all times.

- **Adjusting the GPS:** Recalibrating the GPS or entering an address while driving can be a

distraction. It's best not to touch the GPS unless the car is in park and at a complete stop.

- **Eating or drinking:** Taking hands off the wheel to enjoy that drive-thru meal can be a mistake. Looking down at food and removing hands from the wheel reduces one's ability to steer and react immediately to sudden traffic hazards.

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What to look for when test driving preowned vehicles

Preowned vehicles have become hot commodities in recent years, reflecting a change in what drivers are looking for when it's time to get a new ride.

According to the market and consumer data experts at Statista, preowned vehicle sales increased every year between 2014 and 2019 and more than doubled the number of new cars sold each year during that period. For example, in 2019 United States car buyers purchased 40.8 million preowned vehicles and right around 17 million new vehicles.

There are many reasons why more car buyers are increasingly looking to the preowned vehicle market when replacing their existing vehicles. Certified preowned

vehicles have increased consumer confidence in used cars and trucks and extended warranties have helped ease concerns buyers may have about such vehicles.

As reliable as preowned vehicles can be, prospective buyers must remain diligent when considering a used car and truck. Potential mechanical issues can be discussed with a mechanic of buyers' choosing, but it's up to drivers to gauge other factors that can affect how enjoyable it may or may not be to drive a given vehicle. Test drives remain a great way to get a feel for preowned vehicles and prospective buyers can consider various factors to determine if a given car or truck is for them.

- **Comfort:** Comfort is a big

consideration when purchasing new vehicles, and there's no reason to downplay the importance of comfort when shopping for pre-owned vehicles. Consider the available headroom and legroom when test driving a vehicle, but also take note of comfort-based accessories that the vehicle may or may not have.

- **Visibility:** Sight lines vary from vehicle to vehicle, so make sure your test drive is long enough to give you an accurate idea of a vehicle's visibility. Blind spots may not differ much in new versus older models or even in vehicles made by the same manufacturer, but they can differ considerably between manufacturers (i.e., Toyota versus Nissan). Get a feel for blind

spots during the test drive to determine if the you'll be comfortable driving a given vehicle.

- **Connectivity:** Modern vehicles are designed to connect with our devices, and drivers have quickly grown to prioritize connectivity. Compatibility with devices can make it easier to use GPS and stream music while driving, so don't hesitate to connect your phone when test driving a vehicle. If the car and phone are incompatible, that can affect how much you enjoy driving the car.

Preowned vehicles are incredibly popular. Buyers considering used cars or trucks can look for certain things during a test drive to determine if a given vehicle is the right fit for them.

How to protect your car from sun damage

People know to protect their skin and eyes from the sun. Sun exposure can be dangerous for the body, but the sun's rays also can damage automobiles.

Leaving a vehicle exposed to sunlight for extended periods of time increases the risk of damage to its interior and exterior. It's important that car and truck owners recognize this so they can mitigate the potential problems sun and heat may cause. Testing

conducted at the State Farm® Vehicle Research Facility found interior vehicle air temperatures have been recorded well in excess of 145 F. Interior surfaces exposed to direct sunlight have been recorded at temperatures in excess of 195 F.

The sun's ultraviolet rays can cause the vehicle's paint to peel and fade over time. UV rays break down the molecules in the paint and make it appear dull. Red paint

is particularly susceptible because red paint molecules deteriorate faster in the sun than other paint colors.

To prevent potential sun-related damage, take these precautions.

- **Avoid direct sunlight.** Park in the shade as much as possible.
- **Crack a window.** If it is safe to do so, lower interior air temperature and equalize air pressure by opening up car windows a little.
- **Use a windshield protector.**

Reflect sunlight away and keep the vehicle cool with a windshield sun protector that unfolds and slides into place.

- **Use a protectant wax.** A layer of wax can offer another layer of protection against the sun's ultraviolet rays.
- **Wash the car frequently.** Washing and hand-drying the vehicle helps to remove dirt and other debris which can cause micro-scratches in the paint.

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College NOTES

Emerson College announces Dean's List honorees for Fall 2020

BOSTON – The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. The requirement to make Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Julia Slaughter of Amherst. Major - Media Arts Production. Class of 2024.

Kim Chin-Gibbons of Amherst. Major - Self-Designed. Class of 2023.

Kresha Sewani of Amherst. Major - Media Studies. Class of 2023.

Wenc earns spot on Emmanuel College Fall 2020 Dean's List

BOSTON – Emmanuel College in Boston has named Gabrielle Wenc of Belchertown to the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities.

Students named to WNEU's Fall 2020 Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD – Close to 750 students have been named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Western New England University. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a GPA of 3.30 or higher.

The following students have earned their place on Western New England University's distinguished Dean's List:

Madison Caldwell, of Belchertown, working toward a BS in Health Sciences.

Raissa Mulombe, of Belchertown, working toward a BSE in Biomedical Engineering.

Emily Sajdak, of Belchertown, working toward a BSBA in Accounting.

Albert Bessette, of Granby, working toward a BSBA in Sport Management.

Lauren Hartling, of Granby, working toward a BS in Criminal Justice.

Jacob Hoyle, of Granby, working toward a BS in Criminal Justice.

Connor Moriarty, of Granby, working toward a BS

in Health Sciences.

Jasmine Rodrigues-Jones, of Granby, working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Madison Sexton, of Granby, working toward a BSBA in Pharmaceutical Business.

Yugank Sharma, of Granby, working toward a BA in Economics.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Fall 2020 Dean's List

WORCESTER – The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

Alexander Strickland of Belchertown, class of 22, majoring in Robotics Engineering

Jeremy Trembley of Granby, class of 23, majoring in Robotics Engineering

Local student receives high honors at University of Michigan

ANN ARBOR, MI – Nicole Sterste achieved a 4.0 high honor status at the University of Michigan for the fall semester of the class of 2022. She is a 2018 graduate of Belchertown High School. She is the daughter of Ed and Kim Sterste. She is majoring in sports management and minoring in French.

Residents named to dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, CT- The following area students were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2020 semester at Quinnipiac University:

- Belchertown resident Brooke Hubbard.
- Granby resident Aryanna Mercado-Santana.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

Pre-school registration for peer model students open

BELCHERTOWN – Belchertown Public Schools is inviting residents to register their three and four-year-old children for preschool to be peer model students during the 2021-2022 school year. These programs are half-day and tuition-free.

Applications are available outside the main entrance from April 1 through April 30 and via the CSS website, belchertownps.org/css.

To be eligible for preschool:

- Students must be 3 or 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2021.

- Students must be completely toilet trained.

Registration packets may be mailed to Cold Spring School, 57 South Main Street, Belchertown, MA 01007 or deposited in the drop box located outside the main entrance.

Should the number of applicants exceed our peer model slots, a lottery will be held on Friday, May 7. If you have any questions, please call the Cold Spring Early Childhood Center at 413-323-0428.

Belchertown children's meals program menu

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There will be no school due to spring recess.

UMass Music & Dance announces new young artist competition

AMHERST – The UMass Amherst Department of Music and Dance has created a new online music competition, UMass Young Artist Awards, open to high school students who are residents of, or attend school in Massachusetts.

With performance opportunities so limited by the pandemic, the music faculty conceived of this event as a means of providing younger artists with assistance in furthering their classical music studies, as well as a chance to perform, compete, and receive professional feedback. The competition will be conducted entirely via video recordings submitted by the entrants.

The competition offers first, second, and third place cash awards of up to \$1,000 in each of five categories: voice (one category for ninth/10th grades and another for 11th/12th grades), winds/brass/percussion, piano and strings. In addition, valuable Honorable

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Passenger rail team sees reasons to feel optimistic

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REGION — The wheels of government are known to turn excruciatingly slow, but citizens and public officials pushing for the creation of a passenger rail line from Pittsfield to Boston are feeling some momentum building.

In one instance, someone in a position to exert power has given the project a legislative push. State Sen. Eric Lesser, who represents the First Hampden and Hampshire districts, introduced a bill called “An Act to establish fast, frequent, and reliable passenger rail service between Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield” to codify the proposal and unlock tens of millions of dollars in state funding that has been approved but remains unspent.

“I don’t know that’s going to pass or anyone is going to do that, but it was a stroke of genius on Lesser’s part to basically say, ‘we want this to happen. You will start running east-west rail passenger service in January 2022,’” Ben Hood, chairman of the Rail Steering Committee, said during a recent meeting held virtually over Zoom.

The bill says MassDOT “shall run passenger rail service between the cities of Pittsfield and Boston via Springfield at least five-times daily on the existing CSX rail line. The department may utilize the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority or contract with outside entities in order to run said passenger rail service. The department may also utilize a portion or all of the \$50 million in capital authorization allocated for East-West passenger rail service.”

Co-signed by Senators Anne Gobi (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex), Joanne Comerford (Hampshire, Franklin, and Worcester), Rebecca Rausch (Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex) and Representatives Brian Ashe (Second Hampden), Jake Oliveira (Seventh Hampden), Kelly Pease (Fourth Hampden) and Todd Smola (First Hampden), the bill also directs MassDOT to “conduct an economic impact analysis on the economic benefits and transformational impact” of the rail line, which would include a depot in Palmer, and seek out additional funding sources.”

Crunching numbers

Early in the steering committee meeting, members discussed the critical cost-to-benefit-ratio in a MassDOT study completed last year. Widely panned as inaccurate by passenger rail advocates because of the method MassDOT used to arrive at its figure, the CBR is typically a deciding factor in whether or not projects are eligible for federal funding. The East-West Rail is projected to come with a price tag of at least



Advocates of a roundtrip passenger rail line from Pittsfield to Boston with local stops along the way are hopeful the current political climate is favorable to the proposal.



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Possible sites for a Palmer passenger rail platform that were identified in an earlier study. The steering committee working to make an east-west line a reality is now focusing on locations for a Palmer depot.

\$2.4 billion – and as much as \$4 billion.

“The economic impact analysis – that could be a positive and make something happen that helps allay the CBR,” Hood said.

Whatever the mechanics, steering committee members said they think the stars could be aligning for the project. The Biden administration has promised a massive national infrastructure project and is known as a fan of passenger rail. His Transportation Secretary, Pete Buttigieg, is a close friend of Lesser’s from their college

days and Massachusetts has some influential voices in congress, including House Ways and Means Committee Chair Richard Neal and Sen. Ed Markey, who serves on two transportation-related subcommittees. Both have gone on record as in favor of creating the new passenger rail line.

“We should leverage our federal partners when there’s an opening for that,” steering committee member Jessica Sizer, a Palmer Town Council member who was appointed as the town of Barre administrator nearly a year ago.

Steering committee member and Palmer Community Development Director Sarah Szczebak said she learned while applying for federal bridge grants that “rail projects are eligible” and was surprised to discover the “grades” assigned to various projects, which include their CBRs, don’t always carry as much weight as having a well-placed advocate.

“If someone gets in their ear and says, ‘I want this project in Massachusetts,’ you get on the list whether you scored high or not,” she said. “It sounds like you can easily overcome (an unfavorable CBR) if you have a strong enough champion Washington.”

It’s also possible that MassDOT will revisit the CBR. The most recent study recommended a second look along with other continued fact-finding.

“The MassDOT study suggested there would be state officials working with federal officials looking at this benefit-to-cost ratio because the project is (coming up short of) meeting the required ratio for funding,” Linda Leduc, Palmer’s town planner, and a steering committee member, said.

Hood said he’s encouraged by all the tailwinds and reminded the rest of the committee there is \$50 million in the state budget for the project just waiting to be tapped.

“Now, \$50 million doesn’t get us a train, but it does cover things like planning and preparatory work of some sort – if they decide to appropriate and spend it,” he said. “And we can start small. It doesn’t have to be that two to four billion. It can be something smaller to get the project going.”

Leduc said another encouraging sign is a call she had last week with an aide in Neal’s office that confirmed “Congressman Neal not only understands our need for bridge repair but is very aware of the rail project.”

“I thought that was promising,” she said.

Depot planning

Last month, Palmer Town Council tasked the committee with shifting its focus to what Town Manager Ryan McNutt described as a “station site committee” and during last week’s meeting committee members rehashed some past studies and discussed what they need to move forward.

Scarlet Lamothe, a committee member who wasn’t in last week’s meeting, said in past meetings and forums that her family’s restaurant – Steaming Tender, inside Palmer’s original depot – is interested in having the platform for a new passenger rail line built nearby. Her family even purchased more property in the vicinity that could be used for parking, she said. Hood referenced those comments as an example of the mindset the steering committee should adopt.

“We’re at that point where we should think ‘what if this were to happen?’ and figure out the factors of what goes into this decision,” Hood said.

“We probably want to have a platform compatible with Amtrak,” he said because of potential ties to the Springfield-New Haven line now in service. At some point, Hood said, the town and committee will likely need to contract with a consultant to help sort through the options available.

“All these technical details, we need to resolve,” he said.

Leduc estimates it would cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000 to hire a consultant.

“I’ll keep my eye out for funding sources in the meantime but I’m sure there’s funding out there,” she said. “There is plenty of grant money out there, but it’s probably something we’ll tackle next fiscal year.”

Committee member Anne Miller suggested money from the Mass. Transportation Bond Gov. Baker signed last year could be used to pay for it.

The committee also plans to follow up on a suggestion from a prior meeting to start researching how other towns built new rail platforms. One thing is clear: Committee members plan on moving the project forward at every opportunity.

“We need to stay on MassDOT’s radar,” Hood said.

Preparatory classes for expectant parents and families

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Medical Center’s Parent Education Department offers a wealth of education and support for expectant parents and families through every stage of pregnancy, childbirth, delivery and beyond.

For safety’s sake, due to the coronavirus pandemic, all face-to-face childbirth and parent classes/groups have been suspended in favor of live virtual sessions and online learning.

Among the many preparatory classes offered are:

Virtual Childbirth Education Class Bundle: A four-class series taken via WebEx from the comforts of prospective parents’ own living room. Series includes stages of labor and delivery, basic comfort techniques, medications, medical interventions and Cesarean birth, basic baby care, and prenatal breastfeeding. The series is held in four, two-hour sessions and includes interaction and questions and answers with a childbirth educator through-

out the class. Infant care and breastfeeding can also be taken as stand-alone classes.

Online Multiples Childbirth Education: Using a combination of online education and the opportunity to interact with a parent educator, online multiples is geared to expectant parents in their second trimester of pregnancy who want education that is specific to having twins or triplets. The online portion of the class is taken at home at the participant’s own pace. Parents will then be invited to a virtual session via WebEx to have their questions answered by a knowledgeable instructor, who is also a lactation consultant and mother of twins.

Online Childbirth Education – offered in Spanish or English: The eight-chapter program, ideal for those expectant parents who enjoy learning on their own, is an interactive, web-based class that uses videos, personal birth stories, animations, activities and games to teach all the essential information parents need to know to prepare for the birth of their child. This class does

not provide face-to-face interaction with a parent educator.

Basics-Breathing, Massage & Positions for Labor Virtual Class: A one-session class ideal for those parents who want a more in-depth preparation for the use of advanced comfort and support techniques during labor and delivery to avoid medical interventions if possible.

Virtual Keeping Baby Safe: Participants will learn how to keep baby safe with topics such as infant CPR, first aid, choking, poison prevention, baby-proofing the home and car seat safety.

Baby’s Home! Now What?: This newborn class provides postpartum support for new parents and provides information on newborn behavior in the first few weeks of an infant’s life. The class includes feeding cues for breast and bottle feeding, infant sleep patterns, comforting a crying infant, information about returning to work, continued support for breastfeeding moms, pumping techniques and storage of breast

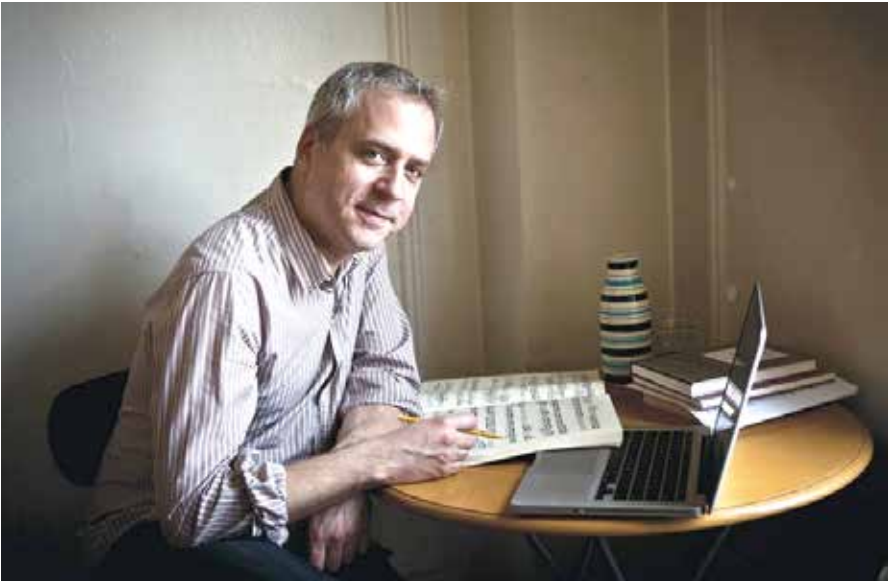
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Virtual Prenatal Yoga Class: Pregnant women will learn postures, breathing techniques and meditation to help ease pregnancy aches. The class will prepare your body for delivery and improve your chances for a smoother recovery while creating strength, focus, flexibility and awareness through a gentle practice designed especially for the pregnant woman’s needs.

Virtual Postnatal Yoga Class: The virtual class provides an opportunity for moms to bond with their babies, strengthen muscles that were affected in pregnancy/labor and stretch all of motherhood’s new aches and pains. Babies up to 1-year-old and crawling are welcome to surround mom during the class, which offers breathing techniques to calm the mind and bring energy to the body and strengthening the pelvic floor and abdomen.

For more information and to register for any class, visit BaystateHealth.org/Parented.

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Music at Amherst Virtual Season presents pianist Jeremy Denk

AMHERST – The Music at Amherst Virtual Season presents pianist Jeremy Denk in a special streamed performance on Saturday, April 10 at 8 p.m. on the Music Department Events Live Stream page: <https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/music/events/event-live-stream>.

Tune in for a M@A broadcast with pianist Jeremy Denk, winner of the MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship, the Avery Fisher Prize, and Musical America’s Instrumentalist of the Year Award. This FREE broadcast airs on Saturday, April 10, at 8 PM with a mixed solo recital, recorded at WGBH Studios, originally broadcast by Celebrity Series of Boston in fall 2020, produced by WGBH, Boston.

Program:
Robert Schumann, Kinderszenen Op. 15 “Scenes from Childhood”
Clara Schumann, Three Romances, Op. 21
Missy Mazzoli, Bolts of Loving Thunder
Johannes Brahms, Four Pieces for Piano, Op. 119

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Anti-racism webinars with Tiffany Jewell

AMHERST – The Jones Library is pleased to offer two webinars with anti-bias, anti-racist educator, activist, and #1 New York Times bestselling author Tiffany Jewell this spring. One webinar is designated for teens ages 11 to 17, with the other especially intended for parents, educators and caregivers.

These upcoming webinars will be based on the ideas presented in Tiffany Jewell’s bestselling book “This book is anti-racist: 20 lessons on how to wake up, take action, and do the work.” All registrants will receive a free copy of Tiffany Jewell’s book to read in preparation for the webinar.

To register for either webinar, please visit www.joneslibrary.org/tiffanyjewell-webinars. Information about receiving a copy of the book will be sent with the registration confirmation. Space is limited to the first 25 registrants per webinar, so please be sure you are definitely able to attend before registering. Please email us at teens@joneslibrary.org with any questions.

Webinar Schedule:
“Wake Up, take action, and do the work: be anti-racist” (Ages 11 to 17)
Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The anti-bias, anti-racist educator, activist, and #1 New York Times bestselling author Tiffany Jewell will lead this anti-racism webinar for the teens in our community. Intended for youth ages 11-17, it will last approximately 60 minutes, including 15 minutes for a Q and A.

Supporting Anti-Racist Youth
Thursday, April 15, from 7 to 8 p.m.

The anti-bias, anti-racist educator, activist, and #1 New York Times bestselling author Tiffany Jewell will lead this anti-racism webinar for the adults in our community. Especially intended for parents, caregivers, and educators, this program will last approximately 60 minutes, including 15 minutes for a Q and A.

These programs are made possible through the Friends of the Jones Libraries and the CARES Act funding to Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services as administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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Applications, including video recording submissions, are due on May 1. Interested students, parents and teachers can find more information, including awards, repertoire requirements and guidelines for recording their performances, at www.umass.edu/music/umass-young-artist-awards-2021.

The competition, which is expected to become an annual event, is one of several festivals and clinics hosted by the department to encourage and support talented young instrumentalists and vocalists, as well as give them a taste of the college experience. These include the High School Honor Band, High School Jazz Festival, and day-long events hosted by the wind, choral, operatic and string faculty.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures

6. Science degree

9. Database management system

13. Desert

14. Inventor Musk

15. Welsh valley

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Saying

18. Comedian and TV host

19. Uppermost portions of the brain

21. City in Transylvania

22. Where astronauts go

23. Men’s hairstyle

24. Indicates position

25. One point east of due south

28. Businessmen may have one

29. Grass part

31. Running back Gurley

33. Unwavering

36. Options

38. Annoy

39. Greek mountain

41. Pastas

44. Fishes

45. Wrap

46. Potentially a criminal (slang)

48. Seize

49. The Constitution State

51. Upset

52. 1991 men’s Wimbledon champ

54. Central Chinese province

56. Predisposition

60. A notice of someone’s death

61. One-time Kentucky Rep.

62. Swiss river

63. Dried-up

64. Finger millet

65. __ Allan Poe

66. German river

67. Brew

68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond

2. Acts as military assistant

3. Knot in a tree

4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers

5. The Ocean State

6. Point the finger at

7. Parts in a machine

8. Midway between northeast and east

9. Portray precisely

10. Blister

11. Mental illness

12. Nose of an animal

14. What students receive

17. Semitic peoples

20. Beats per minute

21. Family of drugs

23. Atrocious

25. Type of microscope (abbr.)

26. __ or bust

27. Icelandic poems

29. A citizen of Pakistan

30. Very pale

32. Metric linear unit

34. Sea eagle

35. Biblical judge of Israel

37. Isaac’s mother (Bib.)

40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

42. Cool!

43. Large hotel room

47. Type of boat (abbr.)

49. Picked

50. Type of hookah

52. Attack

53. Directs

55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter

56. Finished negotiation

57. Heroic tale

58. Middle Eastern country

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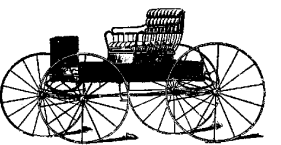
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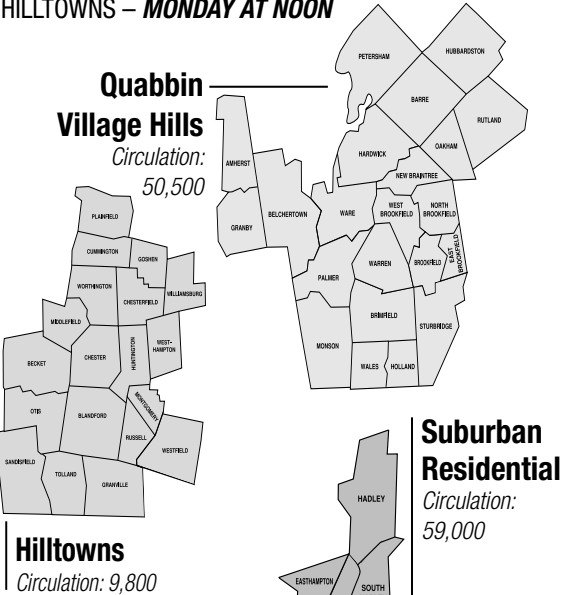
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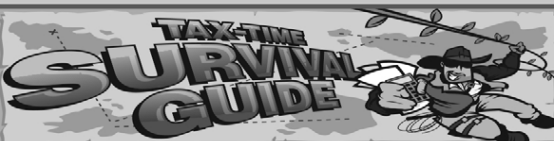
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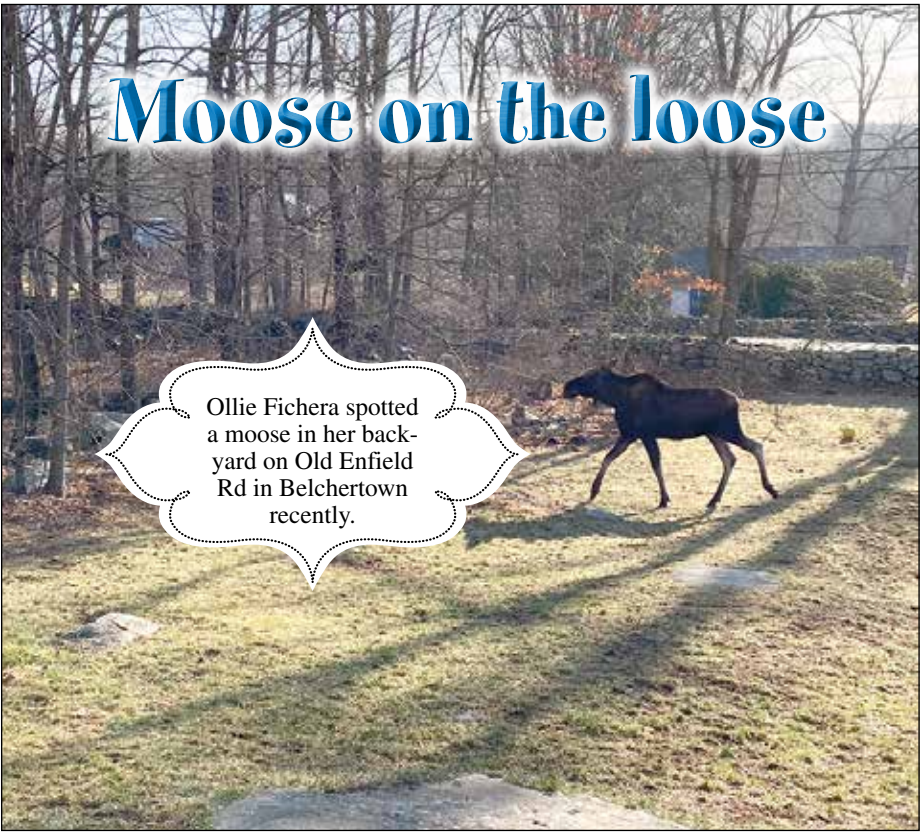
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At the last stop of the Easter egg scavenger hunt, participants and their families could take a picture with the Easter bunny. Ava Kendall, 8, took a picture after she completed the scavenger hunt with her mom.



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